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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

There was not much change in barreled apple prices on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, March 16, from the prices ruling last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Some grades were higher and others lower. On the whole prices were probably a little lower. The moderate supplies consisted of about 26,000 barrels of which 18,000 were offered on the auction. The general condition of the fruit was good. Inquiry was active at prevailing prices. Light supplies of New York Ben Davis in baskets met with a good demand. The U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch size sold at $1.40 to $1.54 per basket and combination No. 1 and Utility, 2½ inch at $1.40 to $1.63 per basket. Utility, 2½ inch Virginia Albemarle Pippins made around $1.63 per basket. Some Pippins were also offered in tray boxes. Combination No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ inch sold at $1.72, 2½ inch at $1.90 and 2¾ inch at $1.81 per tray box. Demand was moderate for the light supplies of boxed apples. The condition of the fruit was good except for some decay observed in the Oregon Newtowns. As has been the case for several weeks, inquiry was good for Newtowns and slow for Winesaps. Prices were about the same as last week.

The supply of barreled apples was light at London. The fruit met with a good inquiry. The general condition of the fruit was good. Barreled apple prices were about the same as last week or slightly higher. The moderate stocks of boxed apples were in generally good condition except Oregon Newtowns, some of which were affected with calyx end rot. Little change occurred in the prices since last week. Inquiry was good for Oregon Newtowns, moderate for California Newtowns and Oregon Arkansas Blacks and slow for Washington Winesaps. Washington and California Winter Nelis pears were in very light supply and met a moderate demand. The Washington fruit was in variable condition.

London prices were on about the same levels as those ruling at Liverpool. Prices at London were higher for Albemarle Pippins, about the same for Winesaps and lower for York Imperials. London was a little higher on boxed Winesaps but lower on Yellow Newtowns than Liverpool.

The British tariff so far has apparently had little effect on values, according to Mr. Motz. The surplus stocks are gradually being reduced. The trade feels that the market will be stronger after the pre-tariff supply is consumed.

UNITED KINGDOM: Arrivals of fruit, week ended March 8, and March 15 and the arrivals expected for the week ending March 22

Fruit and country of origin	Week ended March 8	Week ended March 15	Week ended March 22
Apples - Barrels - United States and Canada	40,200	48,900	63,800
Boxes " " " "	137,000	81,200	166,400
Baskets " " " "	4,500	5,500	3,500
Boxes - South Africa	4,600	5,000	7,000
Boxes - Australia and New Zealand	-	-	8,100
Bananas - Bunches - Jamaica	209,000	116,000	104,000
Bunches - Central America	97,000	80,000	90,000
Bunches - Brazil	33,000	42,000	32,000
Crates - Canary Islands	8,000	12,000	5,000
Grapefruit - Boxes - Jamaica	1,800	900	1,100
Boxes - United States	26,000	5,000	25,000
Boxes - Porto Rico	-	6,000	-
Grapes - Packages - South Africa	47,000	42,000	76,000
Packages - Australia	-	200	4,000
Packages - Argentina	1,200	-	1,800
Oranges - Boxes - Palestine	112,000	213,000	166,000
Half cases (110 pounds) Spain	199,000	255,000	256,000
Pears - Packages - South Africa	49,000	34,000	81,000
Boxes - United States	-	-	3,000
Boxes - Argentina	19,000	7,000	8,000
Boxes - Australia	700	-	10,000
Plums - Packages - South Africa	38,000	23,000	27,000
Packages - Argentina	800	600	1,100

Empire Marketing Board.

The following prices for this week were converted at $3.62 to the pound sterling against $3.70 last week and par or $4.86 at this time last year.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	1931 Liverpool March 22	1932 Liverpool March 9	1932 Liverpool March 16	1932 March 16
APPLES BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Albemarle Pippin, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	7.91-8.39	5.27	-	5.44-5.80
U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch	8.27-8.76	5.54-5.91	5.44-5.80	5.62-5.98
Utility, 2¼ inch	6.81	-	5.07-5.26	-
Utility, 2½ inch	7.79-8.03	5.54	4.98-5.35	-
Utility, 2¾ inch	-	5.27	5.07-5.26	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼	-	-	5.16-5.44	-
Winesap, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	8.15	-	5.07-5.44	4.98-5.35
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	7.79	-	4.80-5.16	4.98-5.35
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	-	4.98	-
York Imperials, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	4.07-4.44	4.53-4.71	4.17-4.53
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	9.73 a/	4.44-4.80	4.71-4.89	3.99-4.35
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼	-	4.44	4.17	-
Ben Davis, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	4.34-4.62	4.17-4.39	-
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	-	4.25-4.44	4.21-4.39	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	-	3.81-4.17	-
Utility, 2½ inch	-	4.16	4.17-4.35	-
Gano, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	-	-	4.08-4.39	-
Rome Beauty, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch	-	-	4.53	-
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	-	5.07	-
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	7.30	4.34-4.62	4.71-5.07	-
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	7.30-7.79	4.62-5.17	5.07-5.44	-
Comb. No. 1 and Com. 2½ inch	6.81-7.30	4.62-4.80	4.53	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ in	6.81-6.93	4.25-4.44	4.17-4.53	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2½ in	7.06-7.54	-	4.53-4.71	-
Rhode Island Greening, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	8.27-8.52	5.54-5.82	4.71-5.07	-
BOXES				
Winesap, Wash.				
Extra Fancy, 150/175	2.80-2.92	1.71	1.68	1.63-1.81
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	2.68-2.86	1.66	-	1.54-1.72
Fancy, 150/175	2.80	-	-	1.54-1.63
Fancy, 188/smaller	2.62-2.74	-	-	1.54-1.63
Newtown, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 138/163	-	-	2.99	2.90
Extra Fancy, 150/175	2.68-2.92	2.96-3.00	-	2.54-2.90
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	2.62-2.74	2.54-2.59	-	2.36-2.63
Fancy, 150/175	2.80-2.92	2.77	2.54-2.72	-
Fancy, 188/smaller	2.68-2.74	-	-	2.08
Arkansas Black, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	-	-	-	1.59-1.63
Newtown, Calif.				
Fancy, 150/175	-	-	-	2.04
Fancy, 188/smaller	-	-	-	2.08
PEARS BOXES				
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
All counts	2.19-2.43	-	-	2.17-2.54
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
All counts	2.74-2.92	-	-	2.72-3.08
Bartlett, Argentina				
Extra Fancy, 135/150	-	2.40-2.73b/	2.63-2.67	2.17-2.36b/
Extra Fancy, 165/180	-	2.40-2.73b/	2.63	2.17-2.36d/

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ Pennsylvania. b/ All counts.

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